

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 13 and 16 and cancels claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 13 and 16.

The Abstract stands objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Amendments were made to the Abstract to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Glorikian (U.S. Patent No. 6,772,213). As indicated above, claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20 are taught or suggested by Glorikian whether taken individually or in combination with any of the references of record. The cancellation of claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-20 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 2 of the Office Action that claims 13 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amendments were made to claims 13 and 16 to place them in independent form

including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 13 and 16 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 13 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 13 and 16 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.40646X00).

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